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### REMARKS

The allowance of claims 13 and 14 is noted, with thanks.

The rejection of claims 1-12 and 17-20 under 35 USC §103, as obvious over Monma et al. US Patent No. 6,211,830 in view of Matsumoto, US Patent No. 5,451,965, is in error. As discussed in Applicant's last Amendment, incorporated herein by reference, claim 1 requires an antenna section that includes an antenna section and a plurality of reflectors located at an end side where a microphone is provided in the body. The Examiner acknowledges in cipher 2 of the Action "Monma fails to teach that said antenna section is provided at an end side where a microphone is provided of said body (sic)." This distinction is more than merely academic. Monma is concerned with antenna configuration. More particularly, Monma divides a loop antenna, made from a combination of two partial-loop antennas, in which one of the partial-loop antennas is provided vertically to the user or a virtual ground for receiving horizontally polarized radio waves with respect to the first partial-loop antenna and the other partial-loop antenna is provided at another angle or horizontally to the user for receiving vertically polarized radio waves with respect to the first partial-loop antenna. According to Monma this arrangement contributes to highly efficient antenna performance in terms of received gain. Thus, one skilled in the art familiar with Monma would not modify Monma as suggested by the Examiner.

Moreover, Monma does not teach reflectors located at an inside where a microphone is provided in the body as required by Applicant's claim 1. And, it is submitted that Matsumoto fails to provide the missing teaching to Monma et al. to render Applicant's claim 1 obvious.

Matsumoto only teaches an antenna provided near a microphone, but nowhere teaches a

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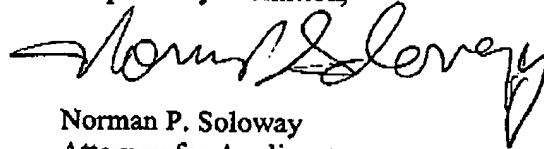
reflector provided near a microphone. The Examiner refers to Matsumoto as teaching that the loop antenna can also function as a reflector. Even assuming arguendo the Examiner's position Applicant's claims differentiate between reflector element and an antenna element, and Matsumoto only teaches antenna elements. The Examiner cannot ignore claim limitations to make out a case for obviousness! Thus no combination of Monma et al. or Matsumoto can achieve or render obvious Applicant's claim 1 nor any claims 2-12 and 17-20 directly or indirectly dependent therefrom.

Turning to the rejection of claims 15 and 16 as obvious of over Monma et al. in view of Matsumoto in further view of Applicant's admitted prior art, claims 15 and 16 are directly dependent from claim 1. The deficiencies of the combination of Monma et al. and Matsumoto vis-à-vis claim 1 are discussed above. Applicant's admitted prior art does not supply the missing teachings. Thus, claims 15 and 16 are patentable for the reasons adduced above as well as for their own limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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